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Sam and Twitch summon Spawn and ask for his help in finding Max Jr., who is determined to not be found. Instead, he gets increasingly closer to his new friend, Dawn; however, Dawn is close to many others, and one particular friend is being initiated into the religious group The Kingdom. Meanwhile, Simon Pure appears on a rooftop to let Spawn know he should not interfere in matters that are not his concern. While back at the station, Sam and Twitch are discussing the disappearance of Max Jr., but have their conversation interrupted when it's discovered that there are a number of dead bodies hanging in front of the precinct house.



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SEVEN--
COUNT 'EM,
SEVEN!--
DEAD BODIES
STRUNG UP IN FRONT
OF THIS FINE
INSTITUTE OF
JUSTICE.

SEVEN
CORPSES ON
A STRING AND
NOT A **SINGLE**
COP NOTICED IT
HAPPENING?! AND
WE CAN'T EVEN
CUT THEM DOWN
TILL FORENSICS
GOES OVER
THEM.

ANYONE
WANT TO HAZARD
A GUESS ON HOW THIS
HAPPENED? BECAUSE
THIS IS GOING TO
MAKE US LOOK
GREAT.

THE MEDIA
IS GOING TO
SET UP SHOP IN
MY ASS. THIS IS
GOING TO MAKE
THAT GODDAMN
PLUNGER FIASCO
LOOK LIKE A
WEEKEND IN THE
HAMPTONS.







SPAWN...
WE'RE SORRY.
THAT WHOLE
ARMAGEDDON
THING. IT WAS
MALEBOLGIA'S
...

MALEBOLGIA
IS DEAD.
I KILLED HIM.
WHAT WAS HIS
IS NOW MINE.

THAT
MEANS YOU
BELONG
TO ME
NOW.

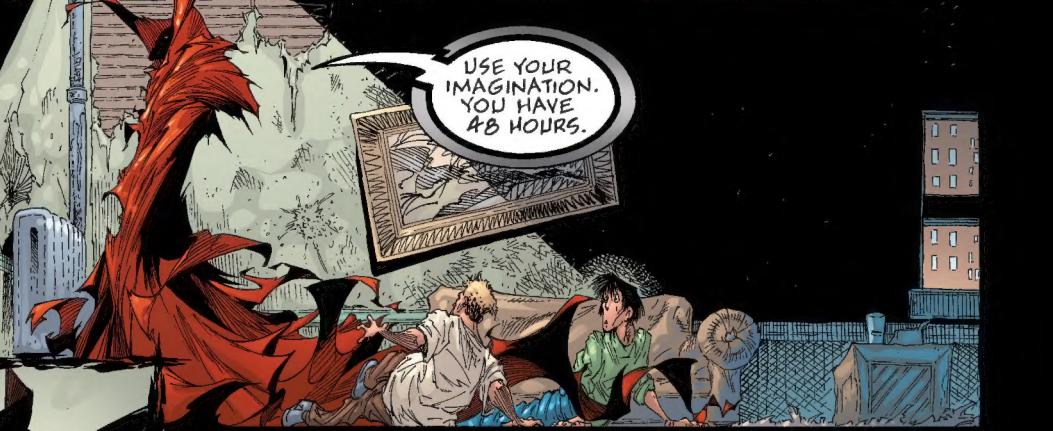


THERE'S
SOMETHING OUT
THERE, IN MY CITY.
SOMETHING DARK
AND HIDDEN.
HIDDEN EVEN
FROM ME.



I WANT
YOU TO FIND OUT
WHAT IT IS.

HOW?
I MEAN...
HOW?



USE YOUR
IMAGINATION.
YOU HAVE
48 HOURS.



AND
ONE LAST
THING...



BEHAVE
YOUR-
SELVES.

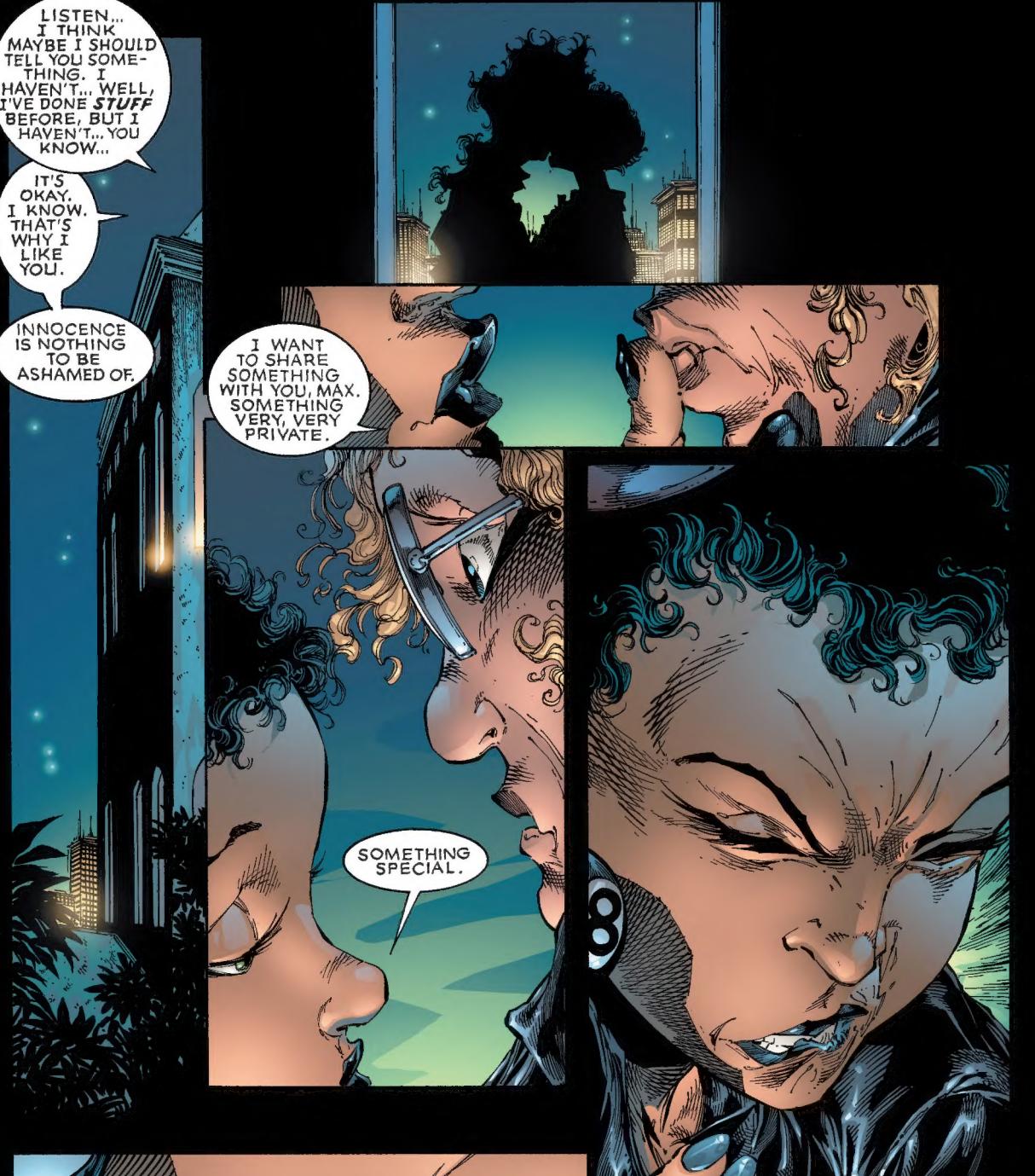
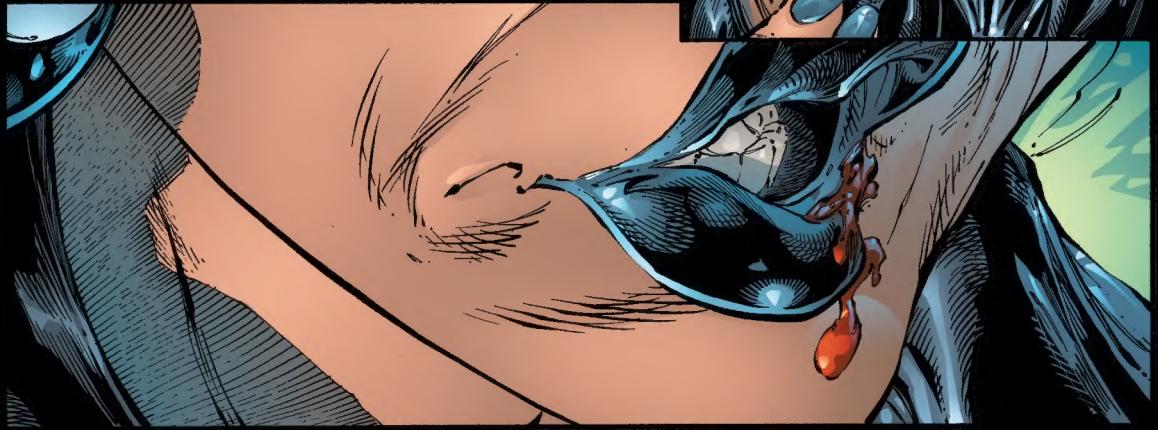
LISTEN...
I THINK
MAYBE I SHOULD
TELL YOU SOME-
THING. I
HAVEN'T... WELL,
I'VE DONE STUFF
BEFORE, BUT I
HAVEN'T... YOU
KNOW...

IT'S
OKAY.
I KNOW.
THAT'S
WHY I
LIKE
YOU.

INNOCENCE
IS NOTHING
TO BE
ASHAMED OF.

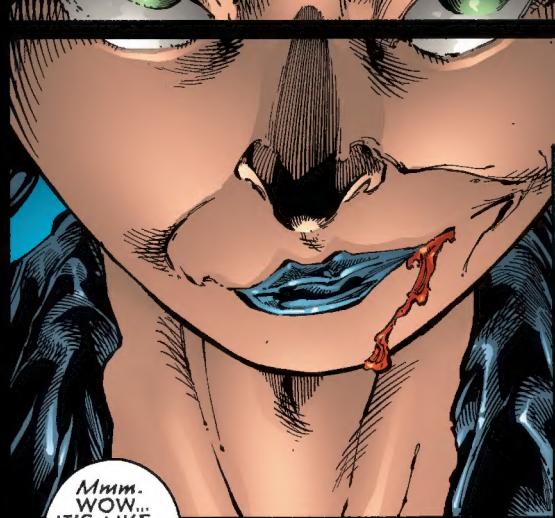
I WANT
TO SHARE
SOMETHING
WITH YOU, MAX.
SOMETHING
VERY, VERY
PRIVATE.

SOMETHING
SPECIAL.





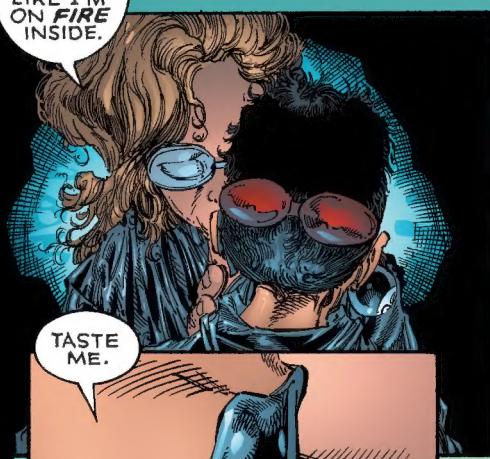
WHAO.
WHAT DID
YOU DO?
ARE YOU
OKAY?



Shhh.
KISS
ME.



YES...



...STORY THAT HAS HAD THE ENTIRE COUNTRY BUZZING ALL DAY. DETECTIVE SAM BURKE, THE LEAD INVESTIGATOR ON THIS CASE, SPOKE TO THE PRESS EARLIER TODAY, BUT WAS RELUCTANT TO REVEAL ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION.

NO. NO. SORRY, I APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I COULD POSSIBLY DISCUSS A CASE AS SENSITIVE AS THIS ONE.

AS SOON AS WE HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE A STATEMENT. THANK YOU.

CAN YOU CONFIRM OR DENY SOME OF THE RUMORS THAT ARE CIRCULATING ABOUT LAST NIGHT'S EVENTS?

I CAN CONFIRM THAT THERE IS AN INVESTIGATION. I MEAN...WE'RE INVESTIGATING. BUT OTHER THAN THAT... NO COMMENT. THANK YOU.



--RUMORS OF DEVIL WORSHIPPERS OR SATANIC CULTS--

--ANOTHER BLACK EYE FOR THE N.Y.P.D.--

--REFUSAL TO BE FORTHCOMING--

--DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANOTHER BOOK DEAL IN THIS--

--WILL THE MAYOR ASK FOR FEDERAL AID IN--

--SO-CALLED CODE OF SILENCE--

HEY!
WHAT DID I JUST SAY?
HUH?

LISTEN, YOU LIMP-BLEEP SONS OF A BLEEP! WHAT BLEEP PART OF NO-BLEEP COMMENT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?



NOW CRAWL OUT OF MY BLEEP YOU LITTLE BLEEP BEFORE BLEEP BLEEEP BLEEEP

HEY,
TWITCH.
HOW'S IT
GOING?

CAUGHT
YOU ON THE
NEWS THIS
MORNING,
SAM. VERY
COLORFUL.

GODDAMN
MEDIA
VERMIN. TELL
ME YOU'VE
GOT GOOD
NEWS.

HARDLY. STILL
WAITING FOR ID'S
ON ALL THE VICTIMS.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE
NONE OF THEM KNEW
EACH OTHER.

NOW, ACCORDING
TO THE WATCH LOGS,
DETECTIVE RODRIGUEZ
SIGNED IN AT 20:57.
OFFICER FERRIS CHECKED
IN AT 20:58. BOTH SAID
THERE WAS NOTHING
AMISS WHEN THEY
ARRIVED.

OFFICER HAVEL
CAME OFF SHIFT,
SIGNING OUT AT
21:04 AND DISCOVERED
THE BODIES.

THAT LEAVES A
MAXIMUM WINDOW OF
SIX MINUTES FOR SOME-
ONE TO WALK UP TO A
POLICE STATION AND
FESTOON THE ENTRANCE
WITH MURDER
VICTIMS.

FAST
WORK.

THAT'S
NOTHING. I'VE
GONE OVER THE
SECURITY VIDEOS.
THE BODIES APPEAR
OUT OF NOWHERE.
LITERALLY. ONE
FRAME THEY AREN'T
THERE, THE NEXT
THEY ARE.

I'M HAVING
TECHNICAL SUPPORT
CHECK THE TAPE TO
SEE IF IT POSSIBLY
HAS BEEN
ALTERED.

SO WE
GOT SQUAT
ON METHOD.
HOW ABOUT
MOTIVE?

A COUPLE
OF THEORIES.
NUMBER 1:
SOME PERSON OR
PERSONS WHO ARE
JUST PLAIN CRAZY.
THE WORK OF A
MADMAN.

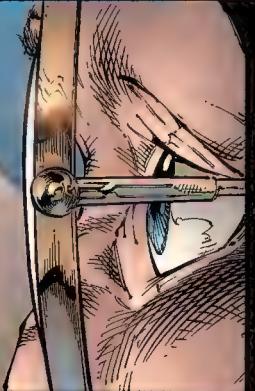
NUMBER
2: SOME-
ONE WITH A
VENDETTA
AGAINST THE
POLICE, SOME-
ONE TRYING TO
MAKE US LOOK
BAD.

NUMBER
3: SOMEONE
WHO IS TRYING
TO MAKE A
"STATEMENT," TO
SEND A MESSAGE
TO SOCIETY AT
LARGE.

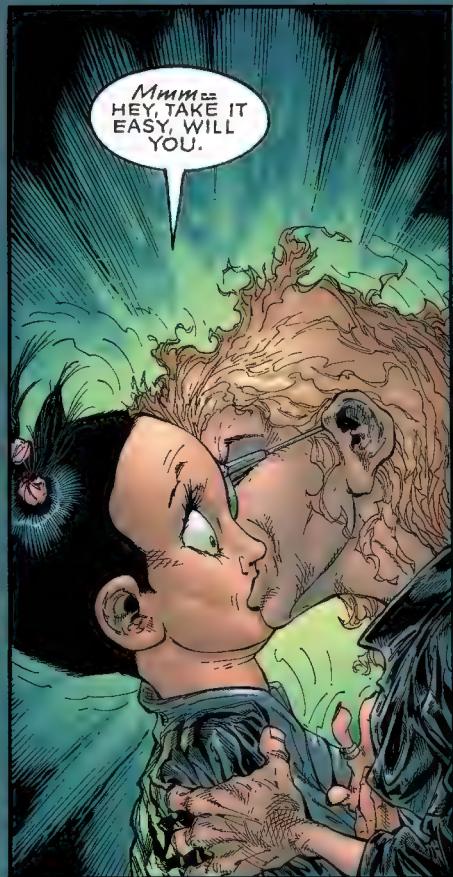
NUMBER
THREE SOUNDS
A LOT LIKE NUMBER
ONE TO ME. IF YOU
WANT TO MAKE A
STATEMENT, TAKE
AN AD OUT IN
THE POST.

AND
THEN THERE'S
UNSETTLING
THEORY
NUMBER
4...

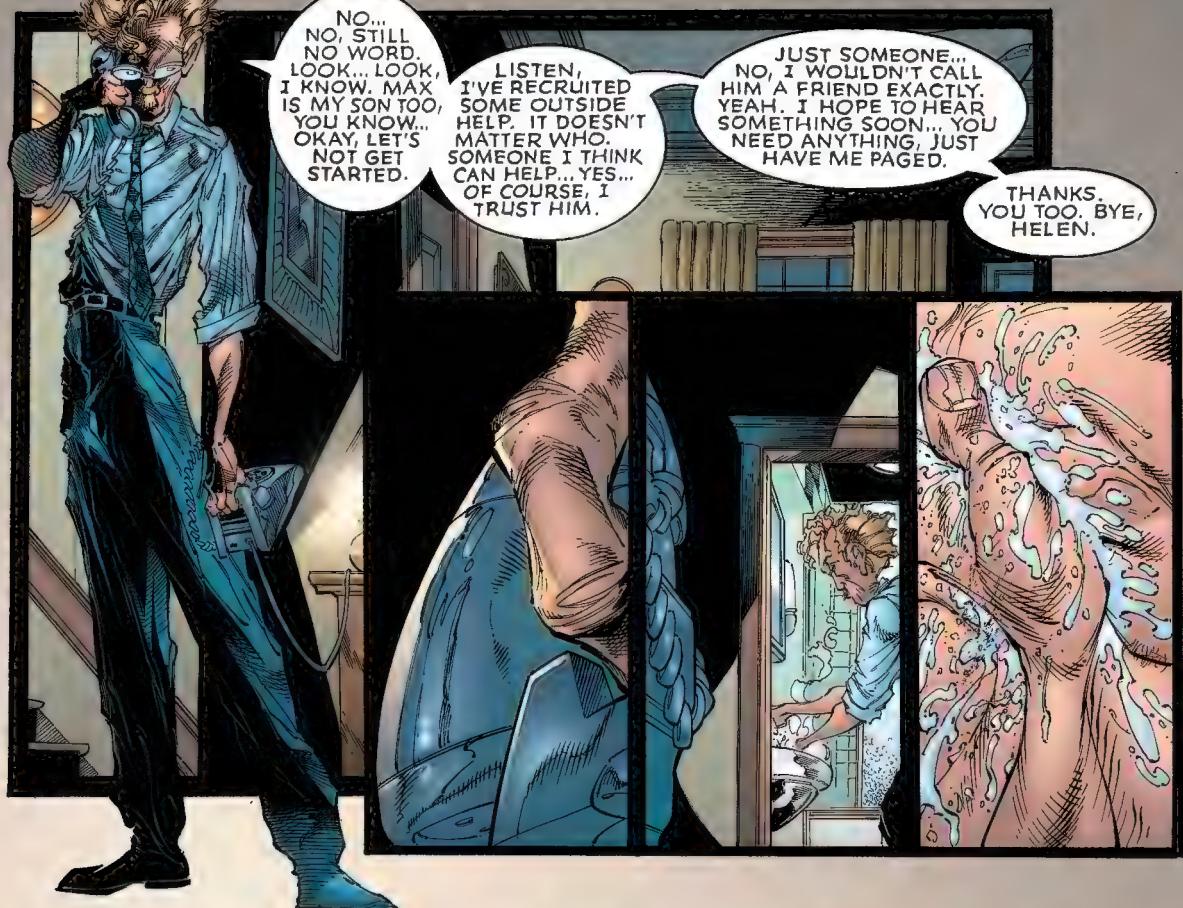
THAT
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE IS **WAY**
BIGGER
THAN ANY
OF US.











I'M BORED.

ME, TOO.

DUDE,
WHAT'S
TAKING SO LONG?
I THOUGHT YOU
SAID YOU KNEW
HOW TO DO
THIS.

WELL,
MAYBE IF
YOU STOPPED
BREATHING
DOWN MY
NECK...

ISN'T IT
PAST CURFEW,
CHILDREN?

WHY DON'T
YOU MIND YOUR
OWN GODDAMN
BUSINESS,
ASS-BITE?

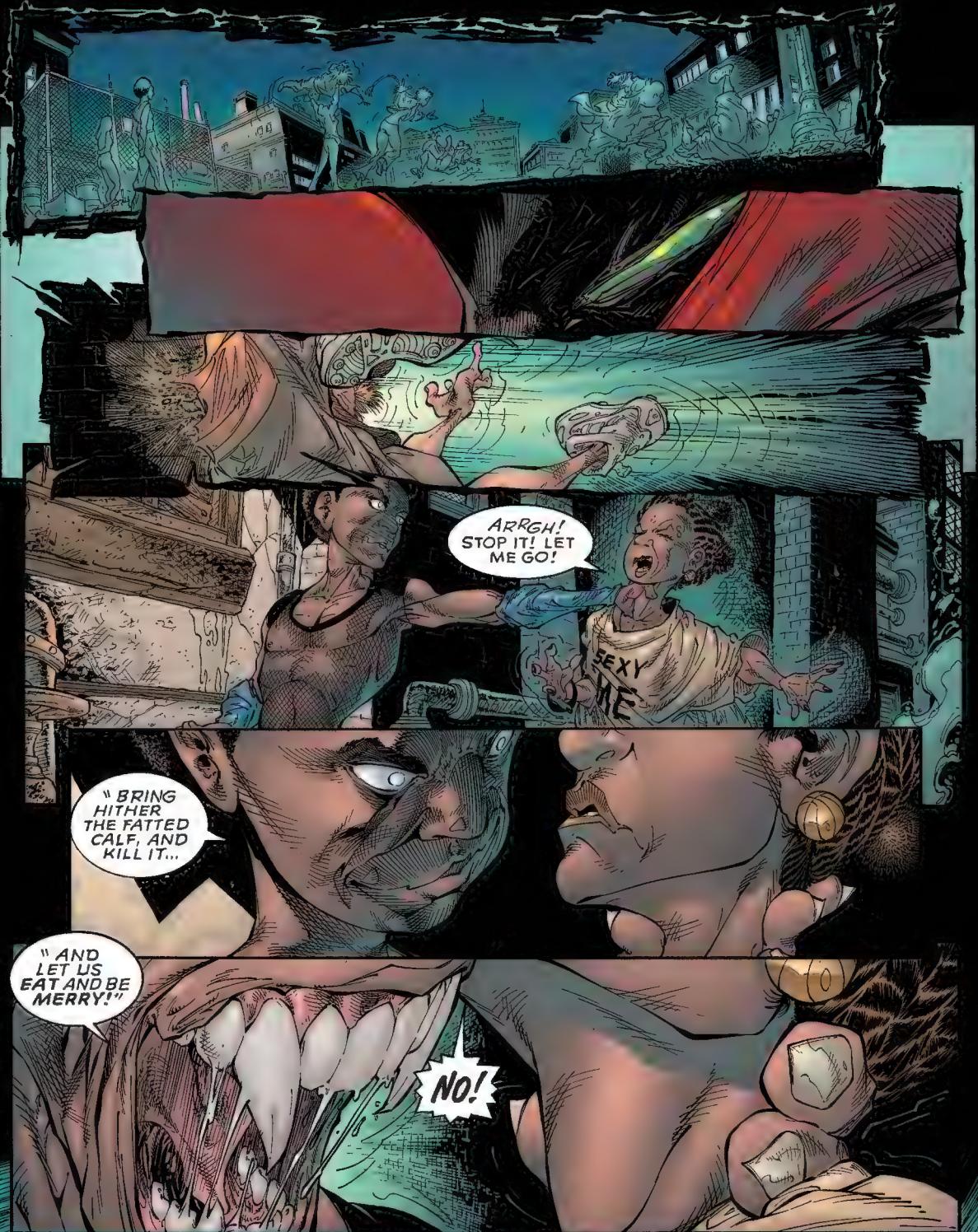
THIS IS
OUR BUSINESS.
THOU SHALT NOT
COVET THY
NEIGHBOR'S
GOODS.

THOU
SHALT NOT
TAKE THE LORD'S
NAME IN
VAIN.

THOU
SHALT NOT
STEAL.

HEY!

Aww!



LET
THEM
GO.

NOW!

AS
YOU
WISH.



BEAST!
YOU ARE AN
ABOMINATION
BEFORE THE
LORD!

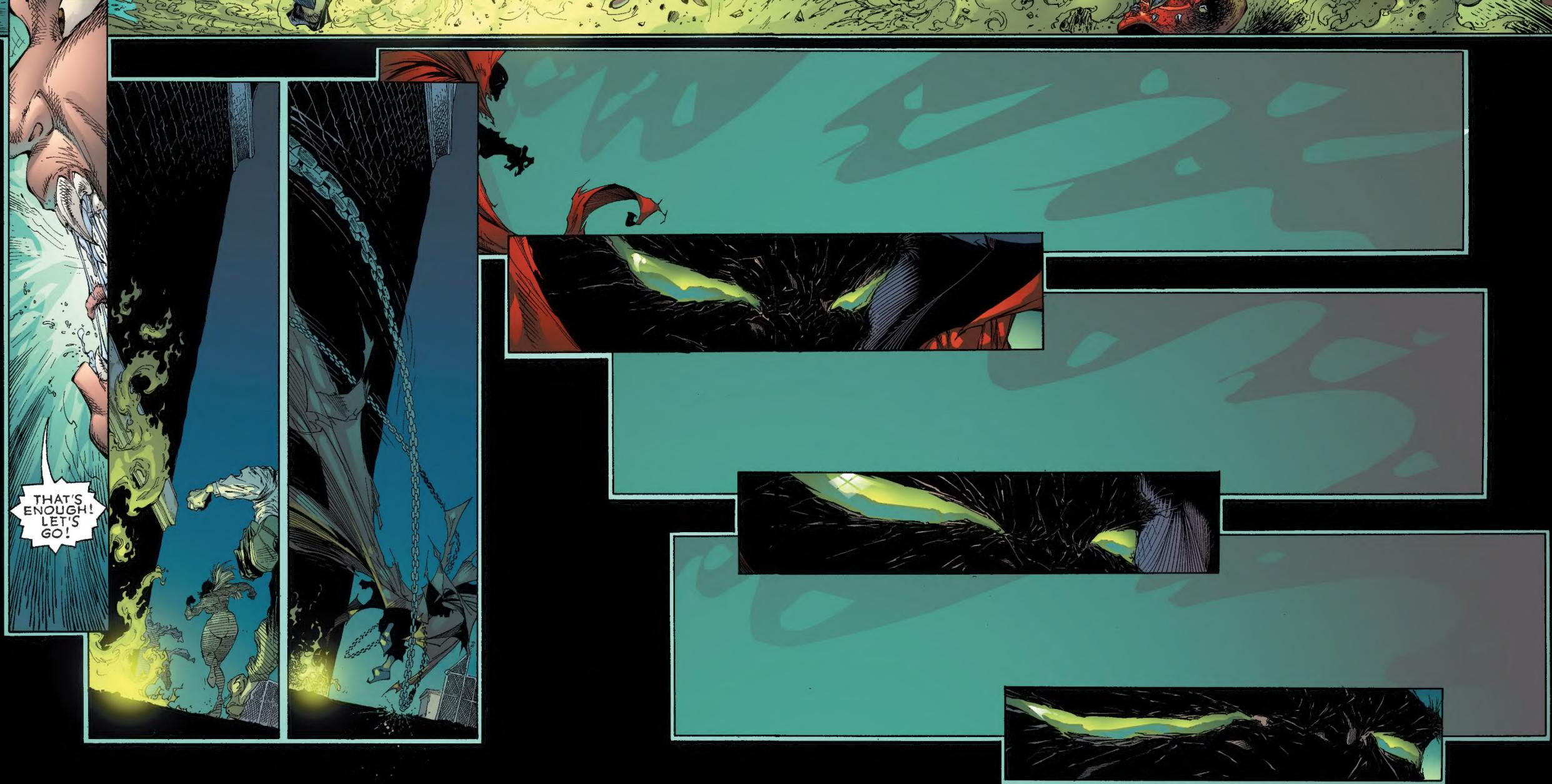
HAAAH!



AAARGH!!

HE'S GOT
LUCAS!

LOOK
OUT!







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